

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been amended to correct a grammatical error. No claims have been added or canceled.

REMARKS

In response to the above-identified Office Action, Applicants have amended their application and respectfully request reconsideration thereof.

Response to Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-9, 11, and 14-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. patent no. 6,102,715 (hereinafter “Centofante”). Applicants respectfully disagree and submit the following arguments in support of his position.

Claim 1 of the present invention requires, *inter alia*, a multi-memory media adapter comprising: a first planar element, a second planar element, and a third planar element, adjacent to the second planar element, the third planar element having a standard system connector surface-mounted thereon, the standard system connector electrically connected to the at least one set of contact pins. (*emphasis added*).

First, Centofante does not teach a multi-memory media adapter. Centofante is directed to a PCMCIA card interface that can receive both Type I and Type II PC cards. Second, since the first and second planar elements form a port, the roughly analogous elements shown in Centofante would be 101 and 102 of Figure 1C. However, the third planar element (which must then be roughly analogous to 108 of Figure 1C) is clearly not taught or suggested to be adjacent to the second planar element. Indeed, the third planar element is shown to be between the first and second planar elements, just as it is shown in Figure 2 of the present application illustration the

prior art. Therefore, claim 1 should now be allowed. Claims 2-9 and 11 depend from allowable claim 1 adding further limitations, and are thus also allowable.

Furthermore, independent claims 14 and 18 contain limitations similar to those of claim 1 referred to above, and are thus also allowable. Similarly, claims dependent on these allowable claims are also allowable. Therefore, all claims should now be allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his thorough search and for finding allowable subject matter. At this point, however, the Applicants wish to traverse the rejections.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Adam Furst at (408) 947-8200.

Respectfully submitted,

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